Principal's Message

**Important Professional Learning Opportunity**
Thank you to parents who have sent in response slips regarding our request to change a pupil free day from Thursday December 17 to Friday June 19 so all teaching staff can access the opportunity to attend the iOn The Future conference. 42% of SIPPS families responded and from that 98% of these respondents were in support of the proposal. This proposal was also unanimously endorsed and supported by parent representatives at last Wednesday’s P&C meeting. If you haven’t sent in your response yet, I will extend the opportunity until this Wednesday March 25. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this proposal.

**Parent/Teacher interviews**
Parent/Teacher interviews are held in Week 10 of Term 1 as part of our school reporting schedule. Over the last two weeks teachers have been finalising times with parents to conduct interviews to discuss student progress and achievement to date and future learning goals. All parents who requested times should now have received confirmation of when the interview will take place next week. I hope that all parents who take this opportunity to engage in supporting their child’s learning through this process will find it positive and informative. Thank you.
**NAPLAN 2015**
A note regarding this year’s National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) has been sent home today with all Year 3 and Year 5 students. Additional information is available at the following link: [http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html)

**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015**
Once again this year SIPPS students can participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Mrs Allman and Miss Muddell will be coordinating the school’s involvement. I hope that all SIPPS students can be involved in this positive opportunity to engage in reading. Please see information for parents later in this bulletin.

**Easter Hat Parade**
Thank you to parents who have already sent in decorations for their child to create an Easter Hat in preparation for our school parade on Thursday 2 April. This week buddy classes spend some time together creating the headpieces which they will proudly wear for visiting grandparents, grand friends, carers and parents. We look forward to welcoming all our visitors on this occasion. The program is as follows:

**Easter Hat Parade Program**

11.30 Grand-friends and guests arrive – tea/coffee and hot cross buns for sale at canteen
11:45 Class visits
12:15 Classes assemble at the COLA (Undercover area in front of the Eco-garden)
12.20 Easter hat parade begins
1.10 Picnic lunch BYO food and rug. (Please no alcohol)
1.15 Ice cream stall opens – students can purchase cones/cups of ice-cream & toppings.
2:10 Students return to classrooms

**Thank you**
Finally thank you to our wonderful P&C for coordinating fundraising activities that will take place next Saturday 28 March. As SIPPS is a polling place for the State election, it presents us with an excellent fundraising opportunity. A note and two cake boxes will be sent home with all students today and we hope that every family can bake some homemade goodies that can be sold at the Election Day cake stall next Saturday. Thank you in advance for your support of this school and community initiative.

Warm regards.

Gillian Tegg
Principal
Year 5 & 6 excursion to Sydney Observatory and The Powerhouse Museum Space Program
Easter Hat Parade and Book Fair Day

Thursday 2nd April
This year 2FD is organising the annual book fair and Easter Hat Parade.

The following ‘package deal’ is on offer for morning tea and lunchtime ice-cream treat for the students.

**MORNING TEA**  Hot cross bun and popper drink

**LUNCH**  Ice cream bucket topped with sprinkles
This will be served after the BYO picnic lunch.

*Cost is $5 per order.*

Please complete the form below to place your order.

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This note was sent home today. Please return this form to school with cash before 27th March.
(Please note that for parents and visitors, morning tea will be on offer from 11.30 for a gold coin donation.)

Thanks
Year 2 Mums and Dads.
Notes from Office

- Stage 3 (Grades 5/6) Camp is scheduled to take place in Week 3 of Term 2. Excursion and medical notes are being prepared and should come home this week.

- All Term 1 invoices are due for payment by Friday 27th. Please send in your payment if you have not already done so.

- Morning Tea/Lunch Treat Form for Easter Hat and Book Fair Day

- Naplan Note for G3 and 5

Library

https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is an initiative of the NSW State government. It aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The 2015 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge officially commenced on 2/3/15. It closes for students on 21/8/15.

Students at St Ives Park PS have been encouraged to participate in the PRC in previous years and this year is no different.

Official PRC Certificates are awarded to each student who completes the reading challenge in December of each year.

There is a comprehensive website which staff, students and their families are encouraged to use for all information, rules, booklists, online reading records, FAQs… regarding the PRC.

Students can logon to the website at school or home using their DEC portal username and password.
K-2 Students

As part of the SIPPS literacy program, all students in K-2 complete the PRC at school. The required 30 books from the extensive K-2 official reading list are read and discussed by the class teacher with their class. Students have their reading records entered and validated online at school. Parent involvement is therefore not required. K-2 students will receive their certificate of completion for the 2015 PRC in December. In the SIPPS Library we have labelled the majority of the PRC K-2 books we own with a green frog and/or red PRC label.

Years 3-4 and 5-6 Students

Students in Years 3-6 complete the PRC independently. They must complete their own online Student Reading Record by 21 August 2015 to successfully complete the Challenge. It is up to individual class teachers to set their own class expectations for the students in their class in regards to PRC (compulsory or voluntary) involvement.

Students must read a total of 20 books, of which 15 books must be from the set reading lists and 5 books of their own personal choice.

The PRC has a list of books for each Challenge level, catering for students in Years 3-4, Years 5-6, Years 7-9. Students read books from the booklists at or above their Challenge level to complete the Challenge. The book lists are made up of a range of fiction, non-fiction, picture books, poetry and drama and include a wide variety of Australian authors.

Students are limited in the number of books they can read from a particular series to encourage them to experience a wide range of books and authors. In a series on the PRC booklist, any two books from the same series can be read as PRC books. Up to five other books from the same series can be read as Personal Choice books.

As the book lists are so long and extensive, students can locate and read the books from any source (school library, local library, bookshops, friends…). In the SIPPS library, we have labelled the majority of books we own from the PRC reading lists with special stickers.

Books in the 3-4 Challenge have a green sticker on their spine and Books in the 5-6 Challenge have a purple sticker on their spine.
Students can also access our SIPPS library collection (using My Library through their student portal) to check whether a book they have borrowed is on the PRC Challenge. Please make use of the PRC website to explore the book lists and gain any information you may need, or visit the SIPPS Library to have any of your questions answered.

Virginia Allman (PRC Coordinator)

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### Uniform Shop

All the stock that we were waiting for has arrived including our new rain jackets. These new jackets are lightweight and tuck into a small bag that’s part of the jacket, so it’s perfect for leaving in the bottom of your child’s school bag as it doesn’t take up much space.

We have a huge amount of good quality second hand uniform, including tunics, white blouses, red polos, jumpers and many other items. Most items are just $5 and tunics are $20, so perfect for a backup.

We also have a number of new jumpers that do not carry the school logo, older style (but brand new) red sports polos and boys grey trousers. Look out for these items as they offer great bargains.

This week will we begin selling our winter stock. In early Term 2 Mrs Tegg will let the children know when to change over to the winter uniform, so there’s plenty of time to organise and buy your winter uniform. We are open this week on the 25th of March and again in week 1 of Term 2.

If you cannot make it in this week but know the size and quantity you need, please feel free to email your requests to sippsuniforms@yahoo.com.au.

Please note - from this week we will no longer be accepting cheques as a method of payment. Please bring cash with you, or alternately you can take your invoice with you and pay by direct debit. We are in the process of bringing eftpos and credit card facilities in as well to make things easier for parents. We hope to have this ready to start in Term 2.

From the 1st of March we have increased our prices. This is to compensate for increased prices from our suppliers, freight charges and also the fees we will need to pay for setting up EFTPOS / Credit Card facilities.

**Any volunteers who are able to help for a week in Term 2 please let me know, either by email or when you see me in the playground. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.**

Finally if anyone has an old sandwich board that they could lend/give us, please let me know. It would be great to put outside the hall to let people know we are open.

Matt
P&C

SIPPS Tennis Courts available for permanent and casual hire.
To arrange a booking please call Vera Dedijer 0403 500 301 or sippstennis@gmail.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE P&C

Dear SIPPS Parents,

ELECTION DAY IS ALMOST HERE AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! As you will be aware the P&C is holding a fundraising event on Election Day, Saturday 28th March. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered their time in various ways but we require more help, particularly with manning the stalls, baking, and donating good quality used books and toys! As you know this is an EXCELLENT opportunity to raise much needed funds to purchase equipment for the students to enhance their educational experience at school.

St Ives Park School is in the great position of being a polling booth for the election and we want to make the most of that opportunity to raise funds for our school. Last year Election Day was a very successful fundraiser and also a really fun day. It is a day when a lot of the St Ives community come to our school and we can raise funds outside of the direct school community.

For this to occur your help is needed and we require volunteers to help supervise the stalls on the day. We also need baked cakes and muffins to be sold on the day. We are also having a second hand book and toy stall. Drop off arrangements will be made available later in the week. Anything not sold will be passed on to charity.

Please let me know if and how you could provide help for this important event! (see reverse of this page). It is our goal to supply and man a bake sale, BBQ and “Trash ‘n’ Treasure’ stall from 8.00a.m. to 2.30p.m. but we cannot do this without your HELP.

In order for this day to be a successful money raiser for our school we need your help. We will require stallholders / cooks on the day and also lots of baked goodies to sell at our bake stall. Do not hesitate to ask for more boxes if needed.
Thank you for contributing to the fundraising efforts of our school and I look forward to seeing you on Election Day.

Please place “x” beside what you would like to do.

Name ____________________________________

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP ON THE DAY ______
ON THE BAKE STALL ______
ON THE BBQ ______
ON TRASH ‘N’ TREASURE ___________

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP ON THE STALL AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:
(Please ‘x’ as many time slots as you want!)
8a.m. – 10a.m. ______
9a.m. – 11.a.m. ______
10a.m. – 12.a.m. ______
11a.m. – 1.p.m. ______
12.p.m. – 2.p.m. ______
1.00p.m. – 2.30.p.m. ___________
Clean Up ___________

Thank you very much!

Beck Connolly

Please e-mail your desired times to this e-mail address:
becquev@yahoo.com

ELECTION DAY SATURDAY 28th MARCH
‘FABULOUS CAKE STALL’ INSTRUCTIONS!

Please help our school’s fundraising efforts by making something for us to sell on the cake stall for Election Day. The aim is to have over 100 items to sell at $10 - $15 each that’s all pure profit for the school. You can make cakes, slices, muffins, cupcakes, cookies...anything goes. Every year it’s a sell out on the cake stall! Just no nuts please.

When providing your items for sale, please include a full list of all ingredients used and stick this to the packaging.

Please only provide HOMEMADE ITEMS as we are unable to re-sell bought produce or packet mixes.

Bring your item(s) to the canteen on Friday 27th March from 2.45pm OR on the Saturday - Election Day (after 7.30am and before 1pm). Please note that we have no refrigeration facilities available overnight.

Please bring your goodies to school ready to sell in your cake/slice box together with the ingredients list attached.
If you have any questions regarding the cake stall please contact Sonya Acton 0439 770524 or Chrissie Anton 0416 446316.

See below for a few easy recipes - but feel free to make whatever you like! Something for Easter would be good. If you need more boxes - please pop into the office.

Happy baking!

**Easy chocolate cake recipe**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 cup (150g) self-raising flour, sifted
- 1/3 cup (50g) cocoa, sifted
- 1 cup (220g) caster sugar
- 1/3 cup (80g) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup (125ml) milk
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten

**Method:**
Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced). Grease and flour or grease and line a 24cm cake tin and set aside.

Place all ingredients into a bowl and using a mixer, mix on high for 4 minutes.

Pour into cake tin and bake for 35-40 minutes or until the cake springs back when lightly touched in the centre.

**Banana cake recipe**

**Ingredients:**
- 125g butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cup castor sugar
- 2 eggs (60g), beaten
- 1 cup (approx. 2 large) ripe bananas, mashed
- 5 drops vanilla
- 250g plain flour
- 1 tsp bi-carb soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp allspice
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tsp lemon juice

**Method:**
Preheat oven to 180 degrees C. Butter and line a square cake tin.

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, bananas and vanilla.

Sift the dry ingredients together.

Mix together the milk and lemon juice.

Alternating, add the dry ingredients and the milk, beating between each addition.

Bake in the oven for approximately 45 mins or until a skewer comes out clean.

Rest in the tin for 5 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool.
Apple cake recipe

Ingredients:
- 125g unsalted butter
- 2/3 cup caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 2 tbsp cream
- 2 small red apples
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp caster sugar, extra

Method:
Preheat oven to 180°C. Grease and line a 20cm round cake tin.
Core and quarter apples, then slice each quarter into further quarters (ie. 16 slices per apple).
Use an electric mixer to cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, add eggs one at a time until well combined. Add flour and cream, beat until smooth.
Pour into prepared tin and press apple slices, skin side up, into batter.
The apple slices will be nearly touching. Sprinkle with cinnamon and caster sugar.
Bake for 35-40 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.
Allow cake to cool for 5 minutes in the tin and then turn out onto a wire rack to cool.

Chunky Mini Egg cookies

Ingredients
- 100g butter
- 100g light brown sugar
- 1 med egg
- 200g self-raising flour
- 1 pack of Mini Eggs

Method
Preheat oven 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4 and line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.In a large mixing bowl add all the ingredients (expect the Mini Eggs) and mix together using a wooden spoon or clean hands to form a dough.
Crush half a pack of Mini Eggs in a small cellophane bag using a rolling pin and add to the dough continuing to knead until they’re evenly spread through the dough.
Roll out golf ball size pieces of dough and pop onto the baking tray. Pat down a little to flatten and leave about a 2cm gap between each cookie as they’ll grow.
Once you’re happy with your cookies, push a few of the remaining whole Mini Eggs into the tops of the cookie dough.
Bake in the oven for 7-10 mins until golden. Leave to cool.
Basic cupcakes recipe

**Ingredients:**
- 2 large eggs (80g)
- 125ml thickened cream
- 3/4 cup castor sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup self raising flour, sifted

**Method:**
Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a 12 cup muffin tray with patty pans.
In a mixing bowl, place eggs, cream, vanilla and sugar. Beat for 3 minutes with an electric mixer on high.
Fold in flour until all ingredients are combined.
Fill patty pans to 3/4 full and bake for 15-20 minutes.